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Dormont,  
Pennsylvania.  
Just outside  
Pittsburgh.

Friday,  
2:14 AM.

"BEFORE I STARTED  
HUNTING VAMPIRES,  
PRACTICALLY NEVER  
GOT THROWN THROUGH  
WINDOWS."

OKAY,  
IT NEVER  
HAPPENED.

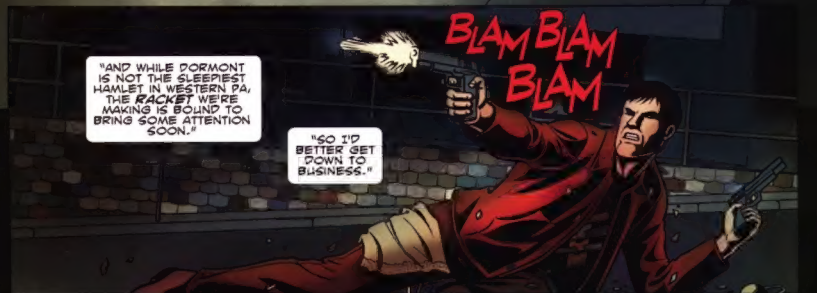


"FOR THE RECORD,  
AND BEFORE YOU  
EVEN SAY ANYTHING,  
I *KNEW* VERY WELL  
THAT THE TWIN COLT  
45 APC'S WEREN'T  
GOING TO KILL  
THE VAMPIRE."

"BUT THEY PACK A  
PUNCH THAT WILL SLOW  
JUST ABOUT ANYTHING  
DOWN, INCLUDING A  
REALLY BIG, REALLY  
MAD, CRAZY, CROSS-  
DRESSING VAMPIRE."

"AND WHILE DORMONT  
IS NOT THE SLEEPYEST  
HAMLET IN WESTERN PA,  
THE RACKET WE'RE  
MAKING IS BOUND TO  
BRING SOME ATTENTION  
SOON."

"SO I'D  
BETTER GET  
DOWN TO  
BUSINESS."



Lester,  
really angry,  
cross-dressing  
vampire.

WHY  
CAN'T YOU  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE?

BECAUSE YOU'RE  
A VAMPIRE, LESTER.  
NO OFFENSE  
INTENDED.

YOU  
HATE ME  
BECAUSE I'M  
DIFFERENT!  
ADMIT IT, YOU  
BLOATED  
BIGOT!

LISTEN,  
**JANET RENO**,  
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE  
A VAMPIRE. PLAIN  
SIMPLE. WE'RE PRETTY  
OPEN-MINDED PEOPLE.  
DON'T ASK, DON'T  
TELL. DON'T  
WHINE.

WE JUST  
DON'T LIKE  
**VAMPIRES** IN  
DORMONT.



YEEAAAAARRGH!




THUNK



URPP







"I KEEP GETTING COVERED IN DUST FROM VAMPIRES. IT CAN'T BE VERY ATTRACTIVE."




THIS WHOLE THING WHERE YOU KEEP GETTING COVERED IN VAMPIRE DUST ISN'T ATTRACTIVE, SWEETIE.

ARE YOU OKAY?



COPS ARE ON THE WAY. WE HAVE TO ROLL... NOW!



SO, WAS LESTER A MEMBER OF JOCELYN'S FAMILY, ANOTHER FAMILY, OR A FREELANCER?

I DON'T KNOW. HEY, I'M NOT GETTING FAT, AM I? LESTER THERE CALLED ME "BLOATED."



Dean's house.

"IT COULD BE THAT LESTER ~~WASN'T~~ WITH JOCELYN'S FAMILY OR A FREELANCER. HE COULD BE WITH ANOTHER FAMILY."

DO YOU THINK **SOMEONE ELSE** IS TRYING TO MOVE IN NOW THAT THE WORD'S OUT THAT LADY DAPHNE IS TOAST?

OR DO YOU THINK HE WAS A LEFTOVER FROM LADY DAPHNE'S CLAN?

I CAN'T SEE **RENFIELD** PROTECTING JANET RENO AFTER SHE RATED OUT THE REST OF THE FAMILY...

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU JUST ASK YOUR **OTHER GIRLFRIEND?** SEEMS SHE'S ALWAYS SHOWING UP IN SOME **RIDICULOUS** OUTFIT WHENEVER IT'S LEAST PRACTICAL....

SHE DOES REALLY HAVE SOME **PRETTY WEIRD** WARDROBE STUFF GOING ON, DOESN'T SHE?

I REALLY DON'T THINK HER **ATTIRE**, SUCH AS IT MAY BE, HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE **DANGER** SHE POSES...



WELL, YOU  
WOULDN'T.  
WOULD  
YOU?



WHAT?



OH, BOY,  
WILL YOU LOOK  
AT THAT. WHERE  
DOES THE TIME  
GO WHEN WE'RE  
KILLING ANGRY,  
CROSS-DRESSING,  
JANET RENO  
LOOK-A-LIKE  
VAMPIRES?

Saturday,  
5:23 AM

THIS IS THE PLACE, LARRY. IT WAS LADY DAPHNE'S NEST. NOW IT'S BACK IN BUSINESS AND OWNED BY THE NEW HUNTER.

ONE WEEK ONLY - TERRY SHARP'S  
THE RETURN OF  
FRANKENSTEIN

GRAND

ONE WEEK ONLY - TERRY SHARP'S  
THE RETURN OF  
FRANKENSTEIN

I THINK  
WE OUGHT TO  
JUST **BURN**  
IT DOWN,  
CHUCK.

ARE YOU  
KIDDING? DO YOU  
NOT UNDERSTAND  
HOW COMPLETELY  
**UNDER-SERVED**  
SUBURBAN PITTSBURGH  
IS IN TERMS OF  
ART HOUSE  
CINEMA?

I'M JUST  
SAYING...

I KNOW.  
ONCE WE FIGURE  
OUT WHY JOCELYN  
IS **PROTECTING**  
THIS GUY, HE'S  
**GOING DOWN.**  
HARD.

AND IF  
FOR SOME  
STUPID REASON  
SHE TRIES TO KEEP  
PROTECTING  
HIM?

THEN  
WE'LL HAVE TO  
MAKE SOME  
CHANGES.



Saturday,  
8:30 AM

I DO NOT  
DRINK...  
**WINE.**

WHY ON  
EARTH DO  
YOU THINK  
THEY HAD  
HIM SAY  
THAT?

WHY WOULD  
THEY THINK  
WE WOULDN'T  
DRINK WINE?

YOU DO KNOW  
WE HAD THIS SAME  
CONVERSATION IN  
1953 OR 1954,  
DON'T YOU?

AT THAT  
PLACE IN  
HONG  
KONG?

EXTRAORDINARY.  
I DON'T REMEMBER  
THAT AT ALL, BUT IT'S  
STILL A GOOD  
POINT.

AND FOR SUCH  
AN INEXPENSIVE  
BOTTLE, THIS IS  
A VERY PASSABLE  
REISLING, DON'T  
YOU THINK?

I'VE NEVER  
SHARED YOUR  
PALLET ON MANY  
THINGS, WILLIAM.  
BUT ON **WINE** YOU  
KNOW YOU ARE  
MY GUIDE.

WHILE I HATE TO  
RUIN A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT SOMETHING I  
ENJOY SO MUCH WITH  
SOMETHING I ENJOY  
SO LITTLE, I BELIEVE  
THE **NATIVES**  
ARE GETTING  
RESTLESS.


WHICH  
NATIVES AND  
IN WHICH  
WAY?

A man in a dark suit and high-collared shirt holds a small glass of wine. The background is dark with a single candle visible on the left.

LAWRENCE  
AND  
CHARLES.

A close-up of a woman with long dark hair and pale skin, looking slightly to the side.

I DON'T  
SEE THEM AS  
THAT LARGE A  
THREAT. AM  
I WRONG?

A close-up of a man with a stern expression, wearing a dark uniform with a high collar.

NO, BUT  
THEY USUALLY  
GO WITH THE  
PREVAILING WIND.  
IF THEY ARE  
STARTING TO MAKE  
NOISE...

A close-up of the same woman, looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression.

POINT  
WELL TAKEN,  
OLD FRIEND.  
PERHAPS THEY  
JUST NEED  
TO BE  
REMINDED  
...

A woman in a dark, low-cut dress sits in a bathtub, holding a glass of wine. A man lies motionless in the water.

...WHAT  
I DO TO  
THOSE WHO  
CROSS  
ME.

Tuesday,  
12:36 AM

WELL,  
I'D JUST LIKE TO  
SAY THAT I THINK  
YOU HAVE A FEW  
ISSUES THAT DON'T  
HAVE ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH  
ME.

SHUT UP.  
SHUT UP!  
SHUT UP!

OH,  
NO...

SORRY,  
BUT YES.

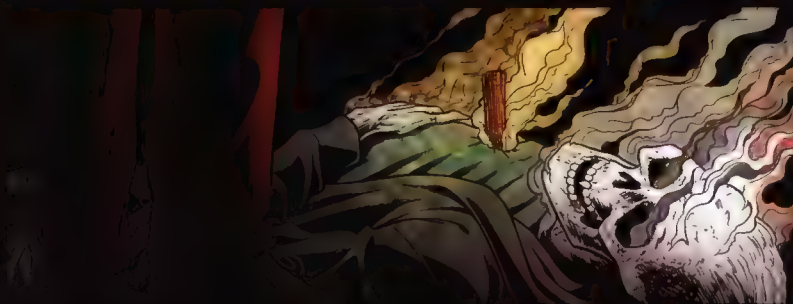


Wednesday,  
1:27 AM.

I WILL  
KILL YOU,  
THAT'S WHAT  
I NEED. I WILL  
KILL YOU AND  
MAKE YOU  
BLEED...

WIGHTEN UP,  
DR. SUESS.

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Wednesday.  
2:17 AM.

AND  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK THAT  
GUN COULD  
POSSIBLY DO  
TO ME, YOU  
LOSER?

BLAM

WHAT USE  
IS A GUN IF  
YOU CAN'T  
EVEN SHOOT  
STRAIGHT?

UNH!

ACTUALLY,  
IT'S GOING TO  
DISTRACT YOU  
LONG ENOUGH  
FOR ME TO  
CLOSE THE  
DISTANCE.

Friday,  
6:30 PM



Friday,  
6:30 PM



"WHAT? I  
HAVE TO SLEEP  
SOMETIME."





"I WAS VERY BUSY OVER THE NEXT WEEK."

"PERSONALLY, I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT THERE COULD BE SO MANY VAMPIRES IN DORMONT."

"ON THE OTHER HAND, NOT THAT LONG AGO I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT THERE WERE ANY VAMPIRES IN DORMONT."

"UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN WITH AS MANY AS I FOUND, I DIDN'T FIND ALL OF THEM."

Friday,  
12:19 AM

WELL,  
NO GUTS,  
NO GLORY,  
AS THEY  
ALWAYS SAY,  
LARRY.


I THOUGHT  
IT WAS "NO  
GUTS, NO  
GORY..."

COULD YOU  
AT LEAST TRY  
NOT BE AN  
IDIOT RIGHT  
NOW?


CHARLES  
AND LAWRENCE,  
YOU MAY  
PRESENT YOUR  
REPORTS.

THANK-YOU, SIR,  
AND THANK-YOU,  
LADY JOCELYN,  
FOR HEARING  
OUR PETITION.

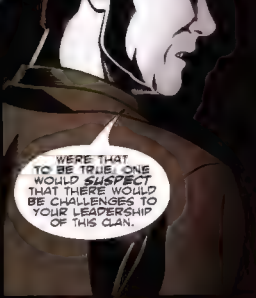
PLEASE,  
CHARLES, JUST  
DISPENSE WITH  
THE FORMAL  
COURT LANGUAGE  
AND GET TO  
THE POINT.



THE SITUATION  
LOCALLY IS **DIRE**.  
THIS NEW **HUNTER**  
HAS KILLED ALL OF  
THE REMAINING  
MEMBERS OF LADY  
DAPHNE'S CLAN AND  
ALMOST ALL OF THE  
FREELANCERS.



WHILE WE  
ARE SURE THERE  
IS **NO TRUTH** TO IT,  
THERE IS TALK, LADY  
JOCELYN, THAT FOR  
REASONS UNKNOWN  
THIS HUNTER IS  
UNDER YOUR  
**PROTECTION**.



WERE THAT  
TO BE TRUE, ONE  
WOULD **SUSPECT**  
THAT THERE WOULD  
BE CHALLENGES TO  
YOUR LEADERSHIP  
OF THIS CLAN.



**NOT  
FROM US,  
OF COURSE.**



HI!



IS THAT  
SO?





THIS  
HUNTER  
IS NOT UNDER  
MY PROTECTION.  
IN FACT, WE  
SHALL END  
HIS THREAT  
SOON.

PERMANENTLY.



WELL,  
YOU WERE  
JUST BLOODY  
BRILLIANT  
IN THERE,  
LARRY.

YOU'RE  
A HUGE  
HELP.

"HI," VERY  
INSIGHTFUL.



SO  
SUE ME.  
I'VE BEEN A  
VAMPIRE FOR  
153 YEARS AND  
SHE STILL  
SCARES THE  
CRAP OUT  
OF ME.

Dean's house  
Friday, 1:30 AM

RING!  
RING!  
RING!

"NO ANSWER  
ON THE HOUSE  
LINE. I'LL TRY  
HER CELL."

THE RETURN OF  
TERRY SHARP'S  
FRANKENSTEIN

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FRANKENSTEIN

ONE WEEK ONLY - TERRY SHARP'S  
THE RETURN OF  
FRANKENSTEIN

NO ANSWER ON  
DEE-DEE'S CELL. E'HER.  
SHE'S PROBABLY JUST  
ASLEEP, BUT MAYBE  
WE OUGHT TO WRAP  
IT UP FOR THE  
NIGHT.



Friday,  
1:37 AM

DEAN,  
THE DOOR'S  
OPEN....



To be  
concluded!

SAN ROSINA, TEXAS

NOT LONG  
FROM NOW.

"THE FIRST THING  
I CAN TELL YOU IS  
THAT THIS IS NOT  
HOW THE STORY  
STARTED."

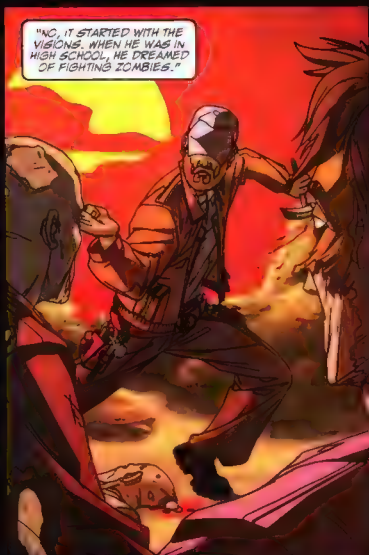
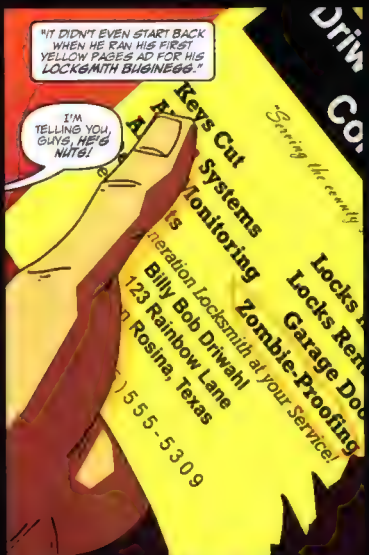
"IT DIDN'T START  
OFF WITH BILLY BOB  
DRINWAHL ABOUT TO GO  
NOSE-TO-TRUNK WITH  
A ZOMBIE ELEPHANT."

NO, IT WENT A LOT  
FURTHER BACK."

# ZOMBIE PROOF

Zombie Zoo  
"The World That Was"





"UNTIL IT ALL  
STARTED  
COMING TRUE."

ACROSS THE WORLD TONIGHT,  
NEWS OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS  
INVOLVING THE ZOMBIE OUTBREAK  
CONTINUES TO COME IN. BUT  
IT IS NOT CONSISTENT.

FOR INSTANCE, DALLAS,  
TEXAS HAS REPORTEDLY  
DISSOLVED INTO CHAOS,  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
LOVE FIELD, WHICH HAS  
BEEN CORDONED OFF...

TV

TTV

JUST A SHORT  
DISTANCE FROM THERE  
IN FT. WORTH, WHERE  
AUTHORITIES REACTED  
AGGRESSIVELY TO THE  
INITIAL OUTBREAK, THERE  
IS RELATIVE CALM.

YOU BOYS  
MIND IF I TURN THAT  
OFF FOR A SPELL?  
IT'S JUST GETTIN'  
TO ME A BIT.

"THE WORLD STARTED  
GOING TO HELL IN A  
PROVERBIAL HAND BASKET  
PRETTY QUICKLY."

THIS REALLY  
GROSSES ME  
OUT, MIKE.

I DON'T  
WANT TO DIE  
LIKE THIS.

WE'LL SAVE  
THE LAST TWO FOR  
EACH OTHER,  
JUST IN CASE,  
JIMMY G...

"AND UNFORTUNATELY  
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG  
FOR THE CRAZINESS TO  
REACH SAN ROSINA."

"NOT THAT  
CRAZINESS HAD  
EVER BEEN VERY  
FAR FROM SAN  
ROSINA..."

WADE  
REEBAR

MAYOR KENNETH  
HOWARD STEPHENS

DONNIE  
STEPHENS

JACKSON  
DAVIS

"OUR BELOVED  
GENERALISMO, MAYOR  
STEPHENS AND HIS BRAIN  
TRUST HAD BEEN THE  
BANE OF BILLY BOB'S  
EXISTENCE SINCE  
HIGH SCHOOL."

"BILLY BOB  
DID HAVE SOME  
FRIENDS IN  
TOWN..."

KEVIN  
TOPHAM

JOHN  
FIREWALKWITHME

VJAY  
GUPTA-PATEL

DAVE  
WADDELL

ROB  
ASKEY

JACK  
WANTANABE

"BUT THERE WERE  
ALWAYS PEOPLE  
WILLING TO BELIEVE  
THE WORST EVEN IF  
THEY WERE UNWILLING  
TO ACTUALLY SAY IT..."

"BUT WHILE THOSE OF  
US IN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
CERTAINLY KNEW THE  
TOWN'S ONLY LOCKSMITH,  
WE DIDN'T KNOW HIM  
ALL THAT WELL."

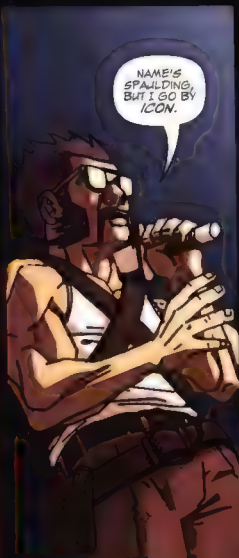
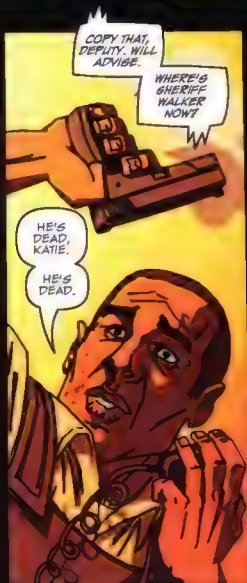
DEPUTY  
SHERIFF  
DEBBIE  
LAUREN.

SHERIFF  
RANDY  
WALKER.

DEPUTY  
SHERIFF  
DOUG  
ZIRKLE.

"WHEN THAT  
CHANGED, IT  
CHANGED IN A  
HURRY."







"BEFORE THAT BIG  
EPIC SHOWDOWN  
WITH THE ZOMBIES,  
THOUGH, WE GOT A  
CALL ABOUT TROUBLE  
OUT AT THE WINSTON  
PLACE."

SHERIFF, DEPUTY  
LAUREN IS FINISHED UP  
AT THE ZINK'S. DO YOU  
WANT BACK-UP?

NO HURRY,  
KATIE. I'VE GOT  
THE GUYS WITH  
ME.



SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT!  
ANYONE  
HOME?



BACK!  
BACK!

THAT SOUNDS  
PROMISING.



"SOMEONE WANTED  
TO MAKE SURE WE  
DIDN'T GET OUT OF  
THERE ALIVE."



HEY, THE  
DOOR'S  
STUCK!

WE GOT  
BIGGER  
WORRIES!





SOMEONE  
ACTUALLY TRIED  
TO KILL HIG!

"NOT THAT I  
BLAMED HIM, BUT  
JACK DIDN'T TAKE  
IT VERY WELL."



ANYONE  
SEEN  
JACK?

"YEAH, JACK TOOK  
IT VERY HARD. WE  
INVESTIGATED AS MUCH  
AS WE COULD UNDER  
THE CIRCUMSTANCES."



THE 911 CALL CAME  
FROM ONE OF THOSE PRE-PAID  
CELL PHONES. UNDER NORMAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES WE COULD AT  
LEAST TRACE IT BACK TO  
WHEREVER IT WAS  
SOLD...

"THAT DIDN'T MEAN WE DIDN'T  
KNOW WHAT HAD REALLY  
HAPPENED. SOMEONE  
WANTED US OUT OF THE  
WAY. PERMANENTLY."



EVEN IF WE DON'T  
KNOW WHO ACTUALLY  
DID IT, WE BOTH  
KNOW WHO WAS  
BEHIND IT.

I HATE  
EVEN THINKING  
WHAT I'M  
THINKING.

"SO TANDY, THE LOVE OF BILLY BOB'S LIFE, LEFT THE MAYOR..."

OH, AND I WANT A DIVORCE!

"AND THE INVESTIGATION HIT A STONE WALL FOR MONTHS..."

SORRY, SHERIFF. WE'VE GOT NOTHING.

"SO WE SETTLED IN TO WHAT PEOPLE WERE CALLING 'THE NEW NORMAL.'"

I CAN'T PROVE IT EITHER, BUT I KNOW IT WAS THEM.

"OF COURSE 'THE NEW NORMAL' LASTED ABOUT TWELVE MINUTES BEFORE THINGS GOT EVEN CRAZIER."

OKAY, BOYS, LET'S DO THIS!

"SUPPOSEDLY WHATEVER MADE THE ZOMBIES COULDN'T AFFECT ANIMALS. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMED."

TO BE CONTINUED!



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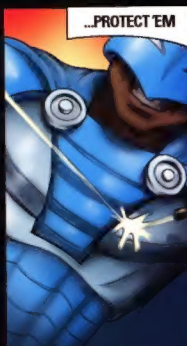
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